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Mrs. Erlynne. Oh! never mind me. I'll face them.

[Lady Windermere hides herself behind the curtain.]

Lord Augustus. *[Outside.]* Nonsense, dear Windermere, you must not leave me!

Mrs. Erlynne. Lord Augustus! Then it is I who am lost!

[Hesitates for a moment, then looks round and sees door R, and exit through it.]

Enter Lord Darlington, Mr. Duniby, Lord Windermere, Lord

Augustus Lorton, and Mr. Cecil Graham.

Duniby. What a nuisance their turning us out of the club at

this hour! It's only two o'clock. *[Sinks into a chair.]* The lively part of the evening is only just beginning.

[Yawns and doses his

eyes.]

Lord Windermere. It is very good of you, Lord Darlington, allowing Augustus to force our company on you, but I'm afraid I can't stay long.

Lord Darlington. Really? I am so sorry!

You'll take a cigar, won't you?

Lord Windermere. Thanks! *[Sits down.]*

Lord Augustus. *[To Lord Windermere.]* My dear boy, you must

not dream of going. I have a great deal to talk to you about, of demmed importance, too.

[Sits down with him at L

table.]

Cecil Graham. Oh! We all know what that is! Tuppy can't

talk about anything but Mrs. Erlynne.

Lord Windermere. Well, that is no business of yours, is it, Cecil?

Cecil Graham. None! That is why it interests me. My own

business always bores me to death. I prefer other people's.

Lord Darlington. Have something to drink, you fellows. Cecil,

you'll have a whisky and soda?

Cecil Graham. Thanks. *[Goes to table with Lord Darlington.]*

Mrs. Erlynne looked very handsome to-night, didn't she?

Lord Darlington. I am not one of her admirers.

Cecil Graham. I usen't to be, but I am now. Why! she actually

made me introduce her to poor dear Aunt Caroline. I believe

she is going to lunch there.

Lord Darlington. *[In surprise.]* No?

Cecil Graham. She is, really.

Lord Darlington. Excuse me, you fellows. I'm going away to-morrow. And I have to write a few letters.

[Goes to writing table and

sits down.]

Duniby. Clever woman, Mrs. Erlynne.